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SUBJ: TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS FROM A WILLING WITNESS WITH JOHN A WESTBURG, AN AMERICAN LAWYER WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN IRAN. WESTBURG HAD DISCUSSED QUERIED QUESTION OF DEPOSITIONS WITH ABOUT FIFTEEN IRANIAN LAWYERS, NONE OF WHOM KNEW OF ANY RESTRICTIONS. THE ONLY POSSIBLE PROBLEM WOULD BE THE CASE OF AN UNWILLING WITNESS IN WHICH CASE A SUBPOENA WOULD HAVE TO BE PROCESSED WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE. ANY SUCH SUBPOENA AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO FARSI.

2. EMB IS SENDING A NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING A FORMAL RULING ON BOTH THE TAKING OD DEPOSITIONS AND THE SERVICE OF PAPERS.

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